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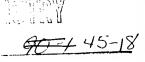
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## DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

VIA:

Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT:

Imagery Transmission System-Washington
(ITS-W) Refurbishment and Expansion

- 1. A combined operations-Intelligence Community working group has recently examined both current and potential future imagery transmission capabilities for the Washington area. For the long term, the working group recommended development of a new system to replace the currently operating ITS-W. However, since the cycle between approval and installation of the new system will be extensive, the study group also recommended that in the interim the current ITS-W be refurbished and expanded. Refurbishment will improve performance of the ITS-W and lengthen its useful life. Expanding the system will accommodate organizational requirements which did not exist when the original network was established in the mid 70's.
- 2. COMIREX has considered the working group's near-term recommendations and agrees that this work should be initiated as soon as possible. It is anticipated that refurbishment of the existing ten ITS-W stations could be completed in six to nine months at a cost of less than \$150K.

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The addition of three terminals to the ITS-W network is anticipated to take some nine to twelve months at a cost of about \$150K per terminal. COMIREX recommends that the refurbishment program be supported by funds allocated for current system maintenance and that the cost of the additional terminals be met by contributions from the gaining agencies, which they are prepared to make.

3. Because of the longstanding DDA involvement in developing, operating and maintaining the ITS-W--first through the Office of Communications and now through the Office of Information Technology--your directorate has unique knowledge and experience with this system. Thus, I believe it is appropriate for the DDA to assume the role of the Community's executive agent carrying out the ITS-W refurbishment and expansion program.

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Community, a member of my staff, combined working group, is avail	undertaking this effort on behalf of the who chaired the able to assist your project officer in interfaces and providing details of the
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